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Rare portrait of Alamo hero gifted to Fort Sam Houston



Photos by Sgt. Christian A. Turner

Jeanie Travis (left) and Sally Mauck present two portraits of the late Col. William Travis to Fort Sam Houston Aug. 19. Mauck is holding the original image used for the portrait. The print will hang at Army North headquarters in the Quadrangle. A second copy of the portrait was also presented to hang at the Travis House on Staff Post Road.

By Sgt. Christian A. Turner
Army North Public Affairs

Army North and Fort Sam Houston received two rare portraits of Col. William Travis, the legendary commander of the troops who defended the Alamo, during a ceremony in the Texas Room at Army North headquarters at Fort Sam Houston Aug. 19. “I started thinking during this ceremony, here is William Barrett

Travis at Army North and Fort Sam Houston,” said Jeanie Travis, a family descendant of the Travis family. “He’s with his Soldiers again.”

The portraits were presented by Sally Mauck, also a descendant of the Travis family.

Mauck is a descendant of Travis’ uncle, Nicholas Stallworth Sr., while Jeanie Travis is a descendant of Travis’ father, Mark Butler Travis. The pair met at an event

at the Alamo nearly six years ago and as Jeanie Travis recounts, “the rest is history.” The two have been committed ever since to keeping Travis’ legacy alive.

Travis is famous for heroically commanding troops in a 13-day standoff against the Mexican army. He was famous for penning the “To the People of Texas and All Americans in the World” letter

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September is National Preparedness Month

By Brig. Gen. Bob LaBrutta
 Commander, 502nd Air Base Wing
 and Joint Base San Antonio

September is National Preparedness Month and this year's theme is "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today." This theme reminds us that we must take the necessary steps now to be prepared not just today, but throughout the year.

As you're fully aware, our daily local and national news broadcasts highlight emergencies and/or disasters that occur across our nation and around the world.

Whether it's a natural or man-made disaster, or a technological phenomenon, these major events threaten the safety of our personnel and jeopardize our ability to accomplish the mission.

National Preparedness Month is a time to prepare ourselves and



those around us for the hazards which may affect our community. Accordingly, the Air Force's "Be Ready," the Army's "Ready Army" and the Navy's "Ready Navy" Awareness Campaigns were established to ensure our military and civilian members have the knowledge they require to enhance their resilience, to equip their readiness and to increase our security by being prepared to respond and recover from any emergency situation that occurs in Joint Base San Antonio. Our end goal is to foster a culture of preparedness across our installation. Therefore, I encourage every Soldier, Sailor, Marine, Airman, Coast Guardsman and Department of Defense civilian to learn about the

potential hazards that could occur in the Joint Base San Antonio area; to develop emergency response plans in our units and at home; and to join in local efforts to become a partner in our overall preparedness.

Moreover, I encourage every commander, staff agency lead, supervisor and unit emergency management representatives to promote our awareness campaigns by including emergency preparedness information in your staff meetings, commander's calls and other venues this month.

Our installation's Office of Emergency Management has a variety of information and products available to support your efforts.

I urge you to make use of those items and the talents of our emergency management professionals by contacting them at 671-2260 or 502ces.cex.inbox@us.af.mil.

Dad's military legacy lives on in memories

By Elaine Sanchez
 BAMC Public Affairs

Just the other day I called my dad to chat. We small talked about the weather, my kids and work before the conversation turned to his upcoming birthday.

I asked him about the year he was born and there was silence.

The man who used to crunch and compute lengthy numbers faster than I could enter them in a calculator couldn't

recall his age.

My dad has been battling Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disorder of the nervous system, for about five years now. It's stripped him of his ability to drive, ride a bike, and rattle off dates in his beloved military history. His former rapid-fire speech has ground to nearly a halt and his speed walk replaced with a hesitant shuffle.

About 1 million Americans live with Parkinson's disease, ac-

cording to parkinsonassociation.org, along with an estimated 7 to 10 million people worldwide. While medications can help with symptoms – such as tremors, slowed movement, rigidity, and impaired balance – there's no known cure.

It's been tough watching my dad's steady decline. I call each day hoping to hear a sliver of his old brilliant self: a clever joke or a World War II quiz with way too many hints.

Whether from the

disease or the medication, he struggles for thoughts and those moments have grown few and far between. While I'm grateful for his presence, I really miss my dad.

I've always admired my father, a scholar and dedicated doctor beloved by his patients. As a child, I'd sit in his waiting room anxious to catch a glimpse of him in his bright white lab coat and his stethoscope slung around his neck, escorting his cancer patients

out with quiet words of encouragement.

Years later, I swelled with pride when my dad, a prior Vietnam-era Army officer, told me he had decided to join the Air Force Reserve in his 40s. He'd regale me with stories about his tanker missions overseas as a flight surgeon, and his triumphs and challenges after assuming a command.

During my visits to his home at the Jersey shore,

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JBSA Sustainability Expo

Learn more about the Department of Defense Sustainable Procurement Program and how to comply with DOD and federal regulations and directives at the Joint Base San Antonio Sustainability Expo from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Gateway Club, 1650 Kenly Ave., JBSA-Lackland. The free expo features vendors and organizations that supply bio-preferred, recycled content, as well as energy-efficient, water-efficient and "green" services. Workshops are offered at 10, 10:45 and 11 a.m. by the U.S. Army Public Health Command to help organizations understand their responsibilities under the program. For more information, email sgreenspan@fdaexpo.com.

Free Gazebo Concert

The U.S. Army Medical Command Headquarters, Army Medical Department Center and School and Southern Regional Medical Command will host a free gazebo concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, featuring the 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own." The concert takes place on the tennis courts by the gazebo at Staff Post Road. The concert will feature music from the 1960s and 1970s. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Fort Sam Houston Community Center, building 1395 on Chaffee Road. The event is open to the public.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Command Cyber Inspection

The Defense Information Systems Agency conducts a Command Cyber Readiness Inspection Monday through Sept. 4 for the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston area of responsibility. The inspection focus will be on unclassified (NIPRNet) and classified (SIPRNet) networks and supporting traditional security practices. To ensure JBSA-Fort Sam Houston passes successfully, every unit and network user is responsible for being knowledgeable on proper cyber security, traditional security and physical security practices. For more information, contact your unit's G2/S2/Security Manager.

See Something, Say Something

August marks the Army's sixth annual observance of Antiterrorism Awareness Month. The terrorist threats

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Westover Medical Home open, staff eager to enroll additional patients

By Lori Newman
 BAMC Public Affairs

The new Westover Medical Home located off Highway 151 and Westover Hills Boulevard opened Aug. 10 and the staff is ready and eager to see more eligible TRICARE beneficiaries.

Community-based medical homes utilize a team approach to health care with licensed vocational nurses, registered nurses, family nurse practitioners, physician assistants and physicians working together to take care of patients.

"Customer service is our number one priority here and the staff was hand selected with that in mind. They really are the best of the best," said Dr. Darii A. Lane, chief of the Westover Medical Home. "They are enthusiastic and motivated and bring a vast diversity of medical and life experiences. I feel honored to work with this team."

The medical home model facilitates a successful "system for health" partnership between patients and their dedicated medical team, led by their primary care manager to meet preventive, routine and urgent medical needs.

"We want to create a family atmosphere in the clinic. Our goal is to make all of our patients feel at home. We treat them as friends and as family, not just a number," Lane said.

"The location and the services that we offer here are very comprehensive. We have a nice mix of providers and nursing staff who have varied experience," said Kathryn Joyce, a nurse practitioner for more than 15 years, who has worked in both a civilian and military medical environment.

Irene Fuentez said she was very excited when she found out about the new clinic opening because it's less than a



Kathryn Joyce, nurse practitioner, examines Irene Fuentez at the new Westover Medical Home Aug. 18.

mile from her home.

"As soon as I heard that Westover was opening I called in and transferred my whole family over here," Fuentez said. "My husband just recently retired after 30 years in the military and this is very convenient to where we live. The clinic is beautiful and people are friendly."

Fuentez said she has always been very happy with the care she has received from the military healthcare system.

Westover is located on the Northwest side of San Antonio, a side of town that has been experiencing a steady increase in population over the past several years.

"Our intent is always to provide the best access to military medicine for our beneficiaries," said Anthony O'Bryant, clinic administrator. "We want to bring the military medical experience closer to their home."

Sally and Kirt Ricks also visited the new medical home for the first time.

"This is our first visit today and we are really glad to be back in the military family," Sally Ricks said. "Dr. Philippa Augustin listened, explained things and took her time. I'm

very satisfied with the care I received today."

"Dr. Augusti spent more time with me to explain what was going on with my problem than I have ever had any doctor do. I'm much more informed about my health after one visit here than I have been with several other doctors," said Kirk Ricks.

Augustin has spent the majority of her career working within the military healthcare system.

"I enjoy working in the military system because it's the

most comprehensive medical coverage anyone can have. Because it's all on the same electronic medical record it's easy for people to get good continuity of care," Augustin said.

Westover Medical Home also offers behavioral health services, on-site laboratory capabilities and a pharmacy. The clinic will also offer a drive-through pharmacy window and extended evening hours.

"Having behavioral health at this clinic allows easier access to care for our patients; it also allows us to take a more preventative role for our patients' mental health care," said Dr. Vicky Hsiao, clinical psychologist.

"I know all of us are excited to enroll as many patients with as many backgrounds as we can," Augustin said. "All of us here are family medicine providers which means we take care of anyone from infancy to the geriatric population."

TRICARE beneficiaries who would like to enroll or move to the new Westover location can visit https://www.humanamilitary.com/ or call 1-800-444-5445. For beneficiaries age 65 or older, call 210-808-2721 for more information.



Photos by Robert Shields

Maria Colbert (right) checks in retired Sgt. 1st Class Raul Fuentez for his appointment at the new Westover Medical Home Aug. 18.

Former commanders return to Army South to discuss lessons learned, future of command

By Eric R. Lucero
 U.S. Army South Public Affairs

It's not unusual for a military command to draw inspiration from its history. U.S. Army South recently had the opportunity and privilege to draw from more than 250 years of collective military service when it hosted its first former commanders' conference at its headquarters on Fort Sam Houston Aug. 10. Maj. Gen. K.K. Chinn, current Army South commanding general, hosted five former Army South commanding generals and one former deputy commander dating back to 1995, when the unit was based in Panama. "When looking at our current mission, it's important to look to the past to ensure we have our priorities right," Chinn said.

In attendance were retired Lt. Gen. Lawson W. MacGruder, Army South commanding general from March 1995 to May 1997; retired Lt. Gen. Gary Speer, deputy commander from 1996-1998; retired Maj. Gen. Alfred A. Valenzuela, ARSOUTH CG from July 2000 to October 2003; retired Lt. Gen. P. K. Keen, ARSOUTH CG from October 2005 to August 2007; retired Lt. Gen. Keith M. Huber, ARSOUTH CG from August 2007 to November 2009; and retired Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, ARSOUTH CG from November 2009 to September 2012.

The former commanders were invited to share lessons learned while at Army South and receive

updates on the current mission and the command's downsizing. "This conference allows us to speak freely about our successes and the mistakes we made in the past and those challenges we faced," said Trombitas, who retired last month following 37 years of service, with his last duty as deputy commanding general for U.S. Army North (Fifth Army). "Sharing how we overcame those challenges allows us to apply those lessons learned to current situations in our region." Numerous key staff leaders joined the former commanders to listen in as Chinn led the group in detailed discussions focusing on maintaining a deployable joint task force command post, the importance of regionally aligned U.S. forces, the role of partner nation militaries in supporting civil organizations to maintain security in the region and countering transnational organized

crime, or CTOC. "As we transition to today's CTOC mission and how we defend our southern boundaries, we must look to what we need to do to assist our partner nations in becoming valued exporters of regional security," said Chinn, whose unit's areas of operation include Central and South America and the Caribbean. As much of the conversation centered on strengthening current relationships with other countries in the region, Trombitas praised Army South and its ability to establish and build upon friendships that may not have been there 30 years ago. He stressed the difficulty of that task in an often volatile hemisphere that is home to 31 countries and 15 areas of special sovereignty in a region which covers roughly 15.6 million square miles and represents about one-sixth of the world's landmass.

"Sometimes, the people that were our enemies yesterday are our friends today," Trombitas said. "I think the transition of our command from Panama to Puerto Rico, and finally to the United States, and maintaining the relationships we created with our Latin American partners live on to this day. I think it's important that we share with the current command what we have done as former commanders in establishing those relationships." A portion of the day's discussion focused on regionally aligned forces and the state partnership program – two programs that allow Army South to sustain engagements with partner nations within a budget-constrained atmosphere. "You have a lot of constraints put upon you and I don't envy that at all," said Valenzuela, a San Antonio native with a master of arts degree



Retired Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, U.S. Army South commanding general from November 2009 to September 2012, speaks with retired Maj. Gen. Alfred A. Valenzuela, ARSOUTH CG from July 2000 to October 2003, during a break in the former commanders' conference at the command's headquarters on Fort Sam Houston Aug. 10.

in political science with an emphasis on Latin American studies and national security affairs. "It's important to identify our partner nations' needs, and then to marry them with the strengths of our regionally aligned forces to maximize our Soldiers' capabilities and training that they already possess," Chinn said.

When asked for their greatest challenges, achievements and frustrations while in command, Keen, who was commander of Joint Task Force Unified Response which formed following a 2010 earthquake in Haiti, reflected during the discussion on something he would have done differently. "I don't think in hindsight that I engaged enough with my fellow component commanders to understand what they were doing," Keen said. "Then when Haiti hit, I wish I had spent more

time with them because I leaned on them really heavily in different aspects." The Army South response was key to the efforts on the ground as both Keen and Trombitas provided command control of the task force. While commanders disclosed different examples and challenges they experienced during their combined 15-year Army South tenure, a common theme from commander to commander throughout the years has been establishing, maintaining and strengthening relationships. As Army South shapes the direction of its future, all participants agreed building and maintaining relationships between partner nations should continue as a priority. "Every commander that takes charge of a unit should have a strong grasp of the history, and I think us sharing our experiences today provides that," Valenzuela said.



Maj. Gen. K.K. Chinn, U.S. Army South commanding general, leads the visiting former Army South commanders and command staff during a command brief at the Army South headquarters on Fort Sam Houston Aug. 10.

Photos by Miguel Negron

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faced today are as complex as they have been at any time in the nation's history. These threats are persistent and constantly evolving as evidenced by the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. The Army's antiterrorism program protects personnel, information, and facilities in all locations and situations against terrorist activities. The purpose of Anti-terrorism Awareness Month is to instill Army-wide heightened awareness and vigilance to protect Army communities from acts of terrorism. Read more at http://www.army.mil/standto/archive_2015-08-03/.

Air Force Military Ambassador Program Accepting Applications
Two articulate, self-confident Air Force, Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard members are needed to serve as military ambassadors at community events to represent Joint Base San Antonio in 2016. One male and one female ambassador are chosen each year to represent the Air Force at many community events and promote the military's commitment and relationship with the local community around South Texas. All E-4 to E-7 Air Force members, who are 21 years old and older and assigned to Joint Base San Antonio are eligible to apply to be a military ambassador. Nomination packages will be distributed to public affairs offices across JBSA Tuesday. Once nominated, candidates appear before a selection board of chief master sergeants and former Air Force ambassadors. The selection panel reviews applications, conducts interviews and selects the ambassadors. Nomination deadline is Oct. 16. For more information, call 808-0002.

Joint Base San Antonio 9/11 Remembrance Run
The Robert D. Gaylor NCO Academy on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland is hosting a JBSA 9/11 remembrance run from 7 a.m. to 4:11 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Medina Fitness Center dirt track. This event will pay tribute to those lost on Sept. 11, 2001, and is open to all JBSA Department of Defense cardholders and family members. Commemorative run t-shirts are available for \$10. Registration closes Sept.

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323rd Army Band flutist connects through music

By Sgt. Christian A. Turner
Army North Public Affairs

Spc. Michael Kwak and his family moved from South Korea to California in 1987 at the age of 15. A stranger in a strange land, Kwak was faced with adapting to a new culture and a language which he was only vaguely familiar. It wasn't easy, and like many children in his position, Kwak struggled.

Then Kwak discovered something that changed everything – the universal language of music.

“I have a little bit of difficulty when it comes to communication,” he says. “But I don't have that struggle when it comes to music.”

He played in a number of bands and ensembles throughout high school and by the time Kwak graduated he was talented enough to be accepted to the California Institute of the Arts.

Due to life circumstances, school was put on hold during his sophomore year. He worked in the insurance industry and taught private flute lessons in the meantime always keeping his vision of being a musician in mind.

That's when a friend suggested something he had never thought of: joining the Army, so he decided to give it a try. The minimum audition score to join was 18. Kwak scored 29.5.

Kwak traveled with fellow 323rd Army Band instrumentalists from Fort Sam Hous-



Photos by Sgt. Christian A. Turner
Spc. Michael Kwak, 323rd Army Band flutist, leads La Vernia High School flute players through a selection of music.

ton to La Vernia High School in La Vernia, Texas, Aug. 3-7, assisting with the school's annual summer band camp.

Participating gave Kwak an opportunity to show students a non-traditional path to being a working musician. He enjoys giving students an avenue to test their musical strengths and see what they're truly capable of as musicians.

“I want them to really have an interest in what they're playing. I don't want them to waste their potential, he said. “Who knows? One of them might be a great candidate to join the U.S Army Band.”

Teaching music is where Kwak eventually wants to be. He plans to use his education

benefits to finish his degree, but also plans to stay in the Army for at least 20 years.

“It has always my dream to become a musician. I'm glad that I'm part of the band,”

Kwak said. “I'm proud to serve this country, and proud to serve as a musician.”



Spec. Michael Kwak, 323rd Army Band flutist, reviews music with a flute player during La Vernia High School's annual summer band camp Aug. 3-7.

264th Medical Battalion welcomes new commander

By Esther Garcia
AMEDDC&S, HRCoE Public Affairs

Members of the 264th Medical Battalion, 32nd Medical Brigade, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, U.S. Army Health Readiness Center of Excellence, gathered at the U.S. Army Medical Museum on Fort Sam Houston courtyard Aug. 14 to witness Lt. Col. Jerrod Killian's promotion to colonel and accept the oath of office to reaffirm

his commitment to the United States Army.

Killian's wife, Rebecca, and sons, Adrian and Kaleb, assisted with the presentation of his new rank.

Following the ceremony, guests moved to the AMEDD Museum Amphitheater for the 264th Medical Battalion change of command ceremony where Killian relinquished the duties of the battalion to incoming commander Lt. Col. Werner Barden.



Kaleb Killian (right), presents his father, Col. Jerrod Killian, his headgear with his new rank during a promotion ceremony held at the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum courtyard on Fort Sam Houston Aug 4. Following the promotion ceremony, Killian relinquished command of the 264th Medical Battalion, 32nd Medical Brigade, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, U.S. Army Health Readiness Center of Excellence, during a change of command ceremony at the AMEDD Museum Amphitheater.

Barden was born at the old Brooke Army Medical Center on Fort Sam Houston. He earned his master's degree in International Studies at North Georgia College, where he also commissioned as a Medical Service Corps Officer in 1999. He previously served with the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Barden is not new to Fort Sam Houston, previously serving in operations with the 232nd Medical Battalion and as the executive officer for the 264th Medical Battalion. He has held a variety of duty and leadership positions including treatment platoon leader, company executive officer, medical platoon leader, battalion operations and intelligence officer and company commander.

After the traditional exchange of the battalion colors by Killian and Barden, Col. Jack Davis, commander, 32nd Medical Brigade, the host for the ceremony, talked briefly about the mission of the 264th Medical Battalion.

“The 264th Medical Battalion is an extremely

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Photos by Esther Garcia
(Far right) Outgoing commander Col. Jerrod Killian watches as 32nd Medical Brigade commander Col. Jack Davis (center) presents the 264th Medical Battalion colors to incoming commander Lt. Col. Werner Barden at the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum courtyard at Fort Sam Houston Aug 4.

First female Army Rangers believe experience makes them better leaders



Photo by Patrick A. Albright
1st Lt. Shaye L. Haver, of Copperas Cove, Texas, shakes hands with a reporter following a press panel at Fort Benning, Ga., Aug. 20.

For the first two women who earned the Ranger tab, attending the Ranger School was all about honing leadership skills and being better leaders for the Army.

1st Lt. Shaye L. Haver and Capt. Kristen M. Griest, both graduates of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, were among the 96 Soldiers who graduated Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga., Aug. 21.

"I knew how badly I wanted to go to Ranger School when I was a second lieutenant, before I became a platoon leader," Griest said during an Aug. 20 press conference. "I was hoping to go to this course because it is the best training the Army can provide, and I wanted to have that training before I had a platoon."

Haver, an AH-64 Apache pilot, said she

"The reasons I chose to come were the same as the men here: to get the experience of the elite leadership school ... and to give me the opportunity to lead my Soldiers the best that I can."

1st Lt. Shaye L. Haver

wanted to go to Ranger School because she knew it would make her a better leader for her Soldiers.

"The reasons I chose to come were the same as the men here: to get the experience of the elite leadership school ... and to give me the opportunity to lead my Soldiers the best that I can,"

during a news conference that the two women accomplished every trial and test, both physically and mentally, that was exacted upon the 94 men who also finished.

"Up front, what we've been very consistent on is we've said there will be no change to the standards ... and there weren't," he said. "We also said ... we're going to be professional and objective as we work our way through this process, which is exactly what you would expect from a Ranger-qualified instructor or anybody else in the Army."

While Grist and Haver are the first two women to graduate Ranger School, they said it was evident from their male classmates that their per-

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formance in the school – and as teammates – was more important than their gender.

Haver said that during the course, it might have been a natural assumption that the female students would have wanted to band together for support, but that was not the case. Instead, she said, support came from those Soldiers closest to them – as it would be in combat.

"We immediately inte-

grated in our squad and became teammates that way," Haver said. "It was never about the women trying to beat the men through Ranger School, or the women banding together for any reason in Ranger School."

"When you are sucking, it's the person immediately next to you that you rely on. And how we were dispersed through-

out the companies didn't afford for a woman to be there," Haver said. "And quite frankly, I didn't think we needed that support. We needed support from our Ranger buddies next to us. We intentionally tried to rely on our squad mates, because they are the closest to us, and not the females around us."

Fellow Ranger School graduates said they were impressed with Griest and Haver's abilities, and that it didn't make a difference that they were women.

2nd Lt. Erickson D. Krogh, an infantry officer, said "at the end of the day, everyone was a Ranger and it was the same throughout as long as the team pulled together and accomplished the mission."

"When we were given resupply and you're given 2,000 rounds of machine-gun ammo, the last thing you're caring

about is whether your Ranger buddy is a man or a woman – because you're not carrying all 2,000 rounds by yourself," added 2nd Lt. Michael V. Janowski, also an infantry officer.

Spc. Christopher J. Carvalho, who serves as a medic, also earned his Ranger tab. He said that he saw that the two women had finished some tasks ahead of the men.

"I know my first experience with the women in Ranger School was during RAP week. One event in particular was the 12-mile ruck march in which we had about 50 pounds-plus whatever weight we carried in water on our backs," Carvalho said. "These two women finished well ahead of some of the males and well ahead of 60 other men who didn't complete their ruck march. So right then and there, that's what validated it for me ...

these women are for real, they're here to stay and they're doing the same stuff we are. That really solidified it for me."

For the future, Griest said she wants to consider further roles in combat arms that might one day open to women. Already she said she is looking into civil affairs, a part of the special operations community. She said she is open to doing more.

"I am interested to see what new doors open to women," Griest said. "I think Special Forces is something I would definitely be interested in, if my timeline permits for that. Currently I am trying to pursue civil affairs, which is under the special operations umbrella, and which is open to women. But there are also several other options out there. I am honestly not very decided about it. It is something I am looking at pursuing if more opportu-

nities open to women." Haver said she wants to stay in aviation, to be the best she can be, and to go as far as she can.

"I think in the past decade ... females have served in those combat roles. I myself am attack aviation, which I plan to continue to serve in, in my role as an aviator. I can't speak to what other females will decide to do if those doors are opened. But I can say I plan to stay with aviation as far as that will let me go, and hope to serve as far as leadership will let me in my position."

Griest says for other women that want to attend Ranger School – and she knows a few – perseverance and confidence is the key to making it through.

"I personally know a lot of women interested in going, and for whatever reason, whether it is timing or deployment or

they are in some school at this point in time, they weren't able to go to this assessment. But I know many very qualified women that I can think of that could pass the course or at least make a very good attempt. I would encourage them to go. And I would say keep doing what they are doing. They are motivated. It is definitely more of a mental challenge than physical. If you mentally know you want to get through – and you have to want to get through – than you will make it."

Since Ranger School opened in 1950, only 77,000 Soldiers have earned the Ranger tab. Of the 4,057 Soldiers who attempted the course in 2014, just 1,609 tacked on the tab.

The Army plans to run another Ranger School assessment in November which will also be open to women.

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requesting support, while also declaring his refusal to surrender, fully knowing what the outcome of the battle would be. He died of a single gunshot wound to the head in the early morning of March 6, 1836.

Mauck was given the original copy of the portrait by her grandfather D.W. Stallworth. In the mid-1920s, D.W. Stallworth noticed there wasn't a picture of Travis on display in the Alamo. He contacted a courthouse in Alabama, Col. Travis' residence prior to Texas, and was able to locate a remaining relative, Mark A. Travis.

Mark A. Travis sent the original portrait to Texas and a copy was put on display in the Alamo in 1925. It hung

in the Alamo for many years, until structural issues no longer allowed for pictures to hang from the walls. The first copy sent to the Alamo is now archived, while another is on display in Alamo Hall.

Only 10 prints of the image have ever been produced. The copies given to Fort Sam Houston will be on display in the Texas Room at Army North headquarters, while the other will hang in the Travis House on Staff Post road.

Another copy is on display at the San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio, one of the oldest cathedrals in the United States.

Mauck also gifted to the Fort Sam Houston Museum a rifle barrel that Travis used to hunt rabbits during his childhood.



Photo by Sgt. Christian A. Turner
(From left) Valeria Jones, Pierce Jones, Jeffrey Jones, Sally Mauck and Jeanie Travis stand next to a rare portrait of Alamo hero Col. William Travis at Fort Sam Houston's Quadrangle. The Jones' are also descendants of Travis.

E-cigarettes and explosions: an emerging danger

Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland fire emergency crews recently responded to an alarm activation in a base housing area. Upon arrival, fire alarms were sounding and the facility was being evacuated. The initial report indicated a smoke detector had been activated within the facility. After inspection, it was found an individual smoking an e-cigarette caused the smoke detector to go off. With these items now in regular use almost everywhere, it presents a new problem to firefighters and users alike.

Although fires and explosions caused by electronic cigarettes are rare, according to an article published by the U.S. Fire Administration in October 2014 (<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/smoking.html>), more than 2.5 million Americans are using them and this number is growing rapidly.

The article states that 25 separate incidents of explosion and fire involving an e-cigarette were reported in the United States media between 2009 and August 2014, resulting in nine injuries, two being serious burns when the devices exploded in the user's mouth.

In addition, 20 of the incidents occurred while the battery was charging. It's likely that there were additional incidents not reported to the fire department and/or reported in the media.

The e-cigarette, also called a personal vaporizer or electronic nicotine delivery system, is a

battery-powered device that simulates tobacco smoking by producing a heated vapor which resembles smoke.

These devices have become an alternative to smoking, including among a growing number of individuals who have never been smokers, but who enjoy the many flavors and/or the experience of using e-cigarettes.

Patented in 2003, e-cigarettes have been sold in the U.S. since 2007. According to a 2014 Department of Family and Preventative Medicine at the University of California, San Diego (http://tobaccocontrol.bmj.com/content/23/suppl_3/iii3, short) there were 466 brands of e-cigarettes and 7,764 unique flavors available for sale. They also state the number of products has been increasing at a rate of 10.5 brands and 242 new flavors per month.

Annual e-cigarette sales have reached \$2.5 billion dollars nationally and the Statistic Brain website (<http://www.statisticbrain.com/> statistics/) reports that as of July 13, 2014, there were 2.5 million e-cigarette smokers in America.

The devices have a heating element (an atomizer or cartomizer) which vaporizes a liquid solution. Solutions (also called "juice") usually contain a mixture of propylene glycol (which increases flavor), vegetable glycerin (which increases vapor), nic-



Photo courtesy U.S. Fire Administration
Battery chargers used for e-cigarettes have been linked to explosions and fires, according to the U.S. Fire Administration.

otine and flavorings. Some juices provide flavored vapor without nicotine.

"Automatic" e-cigarettes activate the heating coil when a user takes a drag from the device. Manual e-cigarettes have a switch that the user depresses to energize the heating element to make the heated vapor.

Most manufactured devices have built-in

timeout features that prevent overheating and many have locking features to prevent the switch from being activated in a pocket or purse. A light-emitting diode to simulate a cigarette's glow on the end is also common in e-cigarettes.

Media reports generally characterize these incidents as explosions. The event occurs suddenly and is accompanied by a loud noise, a flash of light, smoke, flames and often vigorous ejection of the battery and other parts.

Many of the media reports state that the battery or other components of the device were ejected under pressure and "flew across the room," often igniting combustible items where they landed.

Most of the incidents resulted in ignition of nearby contents, such as carpets, drapes, bedding, couches or vehicle seats. Users were usually nearby when the incident occurred and they were able to extinguish the fires while they were still small. One incident resulted in the loss of a bedroom.

Eighty percent of the incidents reported occurred while charging. A variety of charging sources were reported, such as laptop universal serial bus ports, auto USB adapters, desktop computer USB ports and wall adapter USB ports.

Not all USB ports are created equal, as

the voltage and current provided by USB ports can vary significantly. As a result, plugging an e-cigarette into a USB port or power adapter not supplied by the manufacturer may subject the battery to higher current than is safe, leading to thermal runaway that results in an explosion and/or fire.

Concern has been raised that the heating element inside the e-cigarette could become an ignition source. Manufactured personal vaporizers typically have built-in circuits to limit the time that the heating element can be turned on, which prevents overheating and possible fires or injuries.

In the absence of independent safety testing of the e-cigarettes, no assurance that these circuits will reliably perform their safety function is available.

E-cigarettes are increasingly common and sales are growing rapidly. The lithium-ion batteries used to power the devices can fail. Battery failures, manifested as small explosions and fires, have occurred.

Considering the vast number of products in the field that use lithium-ion batteries, however, it is clear that the failure rates are low.

(Sources: U.S. Fire Administration, Department of Family and Preventative Medicine at the University of California, San Diego; Statistics Brain; Federal Emergency Management Agency; Ricardo S. Campos, Joint Base San Antonio public fire and life safety educator; contributed to this article.)

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Monthly Events

Bowling

Renovations roll on

The JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center has limited lanes available for use during renovation. For more information, call 652-6271.

Fall leagues are starting

Sign up now for the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center fall bowling leagues. Leagues run Tuesday through Saturday for 32 weeks and begin after Labor Day. For more information, call 221-3683.

The JBSA-Lackland Bowling Center is also taking sign-ups for fall bowling leagues. For more information or to sign up, call 671-1234.

Sign up at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center to participate in the following fall leagues:

Sunday First Nighters begins Sept. 13, 6 p.m., and is a four-players mixed format with two men and two women.

Sunday Youth Sport begins Sept. 13, 6 p.m., and is for single youth players only, age 15 and older.

Monday Extramurals begins Sept. 14, 5:30 p.m., and has a five-player mixed format.

Tuesday Ladies Early Birds begins Sept. 8, 9:30 a.m., and has a four-player format.

Tuesday Night Mixed Doubles begins Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m., and has a four-player mixed format with two ladies and two men.

Wednesday Rowl Ladies begins Sept. 9, 9:30 a.m., and has a three-player format.

Thursday Morning Ladies begins Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m., and has a four-player format.

Thursday Night Mixed begins Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m., and has a four-player mixed format.

Friday Pioneer Senior League begins Sept. 11, 11 a.m., and has a four-player mixed format consisting of members 55 years and older.

Saturday Ben Friedli Youth Memorial League begins Sept. 12, 10 a.m., and is for youth ages 5 and older.

Actual start dates are subject to change. For more information, call 652-6271.

Summer ends with a Labor Day celebration

Join the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center for a special cosmic bowling event Sept. 5, 8-11 p.m. Enjoy music provided by a DJ, games, prizes and food specials. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child, 10 years and younger. Prizes include a bowling ball and bag, bowling shoes, bowling pin bank, games of bowling and more. This event is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 652-6271.

Bowlers partake in a Labor Day weekend special

Bowl at the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center Sept. 5-7 at the special rate of \$2.50 per game, per person. This special excludes the "Labor Day End-of-Summer Celebration." Shoe rental is \$2.50. For more information, call 652-6271.

Families bowl together

Bring the family to the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center Sundays, noon to 5 p.m., for lots of bowling fun. Families with a group of two to six people can get a bowling lane for one hour, a large one-topping pizza, sodas and bowling shoes for \$50. For more information, call 221-3683.

Grandparents are honored with a bowling special

Bring the grandparents to the JBSA-Randolph Bowling Center for fun and companionship Sept. 13, 1-4 p.m. Bowling and shoe rental are free for grandparents. Cost is \$2.50 per game, per person with a \$2.50 shoe rental for all other participants. For more information, call 652-6271.

Catfish are found at Bowling Center

Susie's Kitchen at the JBSA-Lackland Bowling Center serves catfish plates for lunch and dinner. Choose a variety of catfish selections including catfish baskets and catfish sandwiches alongside the new breaded pickle spears and breaded mushrooms. For more information, call 671-1234.

Clubs

Bingo players get lucky

Play bingo at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club Sept. 3 for "Labor Day Bingo Extravagana" with \$16,500 in total bingo jackpots, a complimentary buffet at 5 p.m. and Early Bird Bingo at 6 p.m.

"Bingo Extravagana" is held Sept. 7 and 21 at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club with \$15,000 in total bingo jackpots, a complimentary buffet at 5 p.m. and "Early Bird Bingo" at 6 p.m.

The JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club hosts "Birthday Bingo" Sept. 15. All birthday members receive one free machine, cake and champagne. This event is for JBSA-Randolph club members only and ID and club card are required. For more information, call 652-3056.

Fight night at the club is a frenzy

"Fight Night Frenzy" is held in Gil's Pub at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club Sept. 5 and is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. Watch the fight on the club's seven large-screen televisions for a chance to win a trip for two to a live Ultimate Fighting Championship® fight in Las Vegas. Patrons must be a club member to win. The cost to attend "Fight Night Frenzy" is \$5 for nonmembers and free for members. Every table receives

a complimentary bowl of chips and salsa. This program is sponsored by Budweiser. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 652-3056.

Nighttime is entertaining at the club

Visit the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club for a pre-Labor Day all-nighter Sept. 5, 5 p.m., with great drink specials after 10 p.m.

Enjoy great jazz and rhythm and blues at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club Sept. 18 on the Nite Club patio. For more information, call 652-3056.

The football season kicks off

Watch the New England Patriots versus the Pittsburgh Steelers game at the JBSA-Randolph Kendrick Club Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m. A meal of an 8-ounce rib-eye steak, fries and vegetables is available for \$6.45 for members and \$8.45 for nonmembers. The evening also includes \$1 off all Budweiser beverages, door prizes and a visit from the Budweiser girls. Attendees are entered to win tickets to a regular season National Football League game for the next season. During halftime, enjoy samples of the new football season menu. Must be a club member to win prizes. This event is sponsored by Budweiser and Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. For more information, call 652-3056.

The chef has specials for every palate

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts a Chef's Dinner Special Sept. 11 and 18, 5-8 p.m. The Sept. 11 menu features bacon-wrapped filet mignon with Bearnaise sauce, sautéed jumbo shrimp, twice-baked Dutchess potatoes, roasted asparagus with red peppers and a house salad. The Sept. 18 menu features prime rib au jus, twice-baked Duchess potatoes, green beans with red peppers and house salad. Cost is \$16.95 for members and \$18.95 for nonmembers. For more information, call 645-7034.

Nightlife is full of fun at the club

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club invites patrons to celebrate the middle of the month at the "We're Half Way There" celebration Sept. 18, 5-8 p.m., in the Maverick Lounge. Music is provided by DJ LJU.

"Karaoke Night" is Sept. 19, 8 p.m. to midnight, at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club. Music is provided by DJ Dee Dee. For more information, call 645-7034.

Club shows appreciation

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts "Customer Appreciation Night" Sept. 22, 5-8 p.m., in the Fiesta Ballroom. The menu features a build-your-own salad bar, beef tenderloin with port wine sauce, shrimp Alfredo with



Photo courtesy Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Twenty-five separate incidents of explosion and fire involving an e-cigarette were reported in the United States between 2009 and 2014.

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angel hair pasta, chicken breast stuffed with cornbread dressing, potatoes, rice pilaf, succotash, cauliflower, baked rolls, cherry cobbler with vanilla ice cream and fresh fruit. Cost is \$10.50 for members and \$12.50 for nonmembers. Entertainment is provided by Doggin' Dave Productions. For more information, call 645-7034.

Club closes out the year

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts a "Fiscal New Year's Buffet" Sept. 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$9.95 per person. The buffet features fried chicken, seafood Newburg with white steamed rice, Jack Daniels barbecue brisket, potatoes with brown gravy, parsley red potatoes, macaroni and cheese, corn O'Brien, spinach, baked rolls, soup and salad bar and desserts. For more information, call 645-7034.

Surf and turf pleases patrons

Join the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club Sept. 25, 5-8 p.m., for "Surf and Turf Night." The menu includes lobster tail, rib-eye steak, potatoes, asparagus spears, baked rolls, salad and lemon sorbet with mixed berries. Cost is \$25 for members and \$27 for nonmembers. For more information, call 645-7034.

The club celebrates the new fiscal year

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club hosts a "Fiscal New Year Party" in the Lone Star and Maverick Lounges Sept. 25. Entertainment at the Lone Star Lounge is provided by DJ LJU, 5-6 p.m., and the Fourth Quarter Band performs 6-9 p.m. Then DJ LJU closes out the night 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Doggin' Dave Production provides entertainment at the Maverick Lounge, 5-8 p.m. Admission is free and open to both members and nonmembers. For more information, call 645-7034.

Community Programs

Shoppers look for a bargain in the warehouse

Take a shopping adventure at the JBSA-Randolph Bargain Warehouse Sept. 9. For more information, call 652-5142.

Bargain hunters find treasures

Buy or sell household items at the JBSA-Randolph Flea Market Sept. 19, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Head to Information, Tickets and Travel, building 895, to rent a 6-foot table for \$15 and join in at the Child Development Program, building 1072. Selling of firearms, animals, arts and crafts or food and beverage items is not permitted. For more information, call 652-5142.

Equestrian Center

Riders ride and relax at the Equestrian Center

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center offers horseback riding lessons for beginners and advanced riders, 7 years and older, in English and Western style riding. Therapeutic riding lessons are also available. Horses, saddles and tack for lessons are provided if needed. Cost is \$60 per hour for a private lesson, \$175 for five group lessons, \$225 for five partially private lessons and \$250 for five private lessons.

Trail rides are available Saturdays and Sundays at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center. Departure times are 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Reservations must be made in advance and participants must be 7 years or older to ride. Cost is \$30 per person and adults must accompany children younger than 12 years. Riders must be at least 4 feet, 6 inches and weigh less than 200 pounds. For more information, call 224-7207.

Fitness

Softball teams form and compete

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Fitness Center hosts the "All Air Force Men Softball Trial Camp" Sept. 2-18 at the Warhawk Softball Field. Members compete to make the All Air Force team and compete in the Armed Forces Softball tournament. Practices are free and open to base personnel. For more information, call 671-1348.

Strong men and women participate in a challenge

The JBSA-Lackland Kelly Fitness Center hosts a free "Bench Press Challenge," Sept. 11, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Males lift 135 pounds and females lift 55 pounds. Winners are determined by how many repetitions each contestant can achieve within a two-minute time limit. For more information, call 925-4848.

Freedom is honored during a remembrance run

The JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center hosts a 5K run or walk Sept. 11, 7:30 a.m., at Eberle Park in remembrance of 9/11 and in celebration of freedom. For more information, call 652-7263.

Racquetball players compete to win

All Department of Defense ID cardholders, 16 years and older are invited to participate in the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center "Single-Elimination Racquetball Tournament" Sept. 12, 9 a.m. The deadline to enter is Sept. 7. For more information, call 221-1234.

Basketball training camp

The Armed Forces Men's Basketball Team hosts a "Pre-Conseil International du Sport Militaire" training camp Sept. 12-30 with practices and games at the JBSA-Lackland Chaparral Fitness Center. For more information, call 671-2401.

Gym goers stay fit with an indoor triathlon

Join the JBSA-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center for an indoor triathlon Sept. 14-18, during normal business hours. Each participant must complete a 15-mile treadmill or indoor track run or walk, a 30-mile stationary bike ride and a 5-mile row. Pick up an indoor triathlon challenge tracking booklet from fitness center staff and have them initial each completed item before beginning a new one. Once the challenge is complete, return the booklet to staff members. For more information, call 652-7263.

Golf

Golfers compete in a scramble

Golfers are invited to play in the monthly "Warrior Four-Person Scramble" at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course Sept. 4, 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. Fees include 18 holes of golf, green fees, golf cart, dinner and gift certificates for the winners of the longest drive and closest to the pin. The first-, second- and

third-place winners also receive gift certificates. For more information, call 222-9386.

Tournament determines course champion

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Hills Golf Course hosts the "Championship Golf Tournament" Sept. 5-7, 8 a.m. Cost for this individual stroke play tournament is \$75 a player and includes a tee gift, food and beverage on the last day. Green and cart fees must be paid each day. For more information, call 671-3466.

Labor Day is a great time for golf

Participate in the Labor Day golf tournament at the JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course Sept. 7, with 7-9 a.m. tee times. This is a low-net, low-gross tournament. The cost is \$10 plus green fees and cart rental. For more information, call 652-4653.

Gateway golf course closes for maintenance

The JBSA-Lackland Gateway Golf Course is closed for play Sept. 14-15 for maintenance of the greens. For more information, call 671-3466.

Golfers compete to be the best

Compete in the JBSA-Randolph "Championship Golf Tournament" Sept. 19 and 20, with 7-9 a.m. tee times, as the best golfers at JBSA-Randolph are identified. This is a flighted individual tournament based on a Golf Handicap and Information Network handicap or another verifiable handicap. The cost is \$30 plus green fees and cart rental. Entry fees include gift certificates for the winners and hors d'oeuvres. For more information, call 652-4653.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Summer fun is not over yet

The JBSA-Randolph Information Tickets and Travel office has SeaWorld® tickets available and the park is open weekends through Sept. 27. This is a great time to enjoy the park without the heat and large crowds. Purchase daily passes to SeaWorld® at ITT in the Community Services Mall, building 895. Cost for adult and children passes is \$45. Prices are subject to change.

Purchase Six Flags® Fiesta Texas tickets from the JBSA-Randolph ITT and have Texas size fun on weekends through Dec. 20. The park is also open daily Dec. 21 to Jan. 2, excluding Dec. 24-25. Daily passes for everyone 3 years and older are \$39.65. Prices are subject to change. For more information, call 652-5142.

Dallas Cowboy ticket packages available

Reserve 2015-2016 "Tailgate Getaway All-Inclusive" packages for Dallas Cowboy home games starting at \$399 per person at the JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel office. Price includes deluxe motor-coach transportation, one hot breakfast buffet, transportation to stadium, Texas barbecue buffet, a tailgate party with unlimited beverages, live entertainment, an autograph session with a Dallas Cowboy legend, a 400-level game ticket and refreshments en route. For more information, call 671-3059.

Disney is waiting

Disney has extended the special admission ticket for active-duty military and retirees until Dec. 17. The limit of tickets that can be purchased has increased from six to 12 per military member or retiree. Military members must accompany the group to the gate to activate the tickets. JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel has four-day park hopper tickets for \$175.50 or a four-day park hopper with four additional days for Disney water parks and Disney Quest for \$250.50. The additional four-day admissions must be used within 13 days of the original tickets. ITT also carries three-day park hopper admission tickets for \$130. For more information, call 671-7111.

Tickets available for local attractions

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Information, Tickets and Travel office is open Saturdays and has tickets for just about anything and everything. For more information, call 221-5863.

Plan now for spring travel

JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel can help customers book 2016 Spring Break adventures in Europe. Payment plans are available for the London, Paris and Rome 10-day group tour with prices starting at \$3,500 and the "Simply Italy" eight-day group tour starting at \$3,000. For more information, call 671-7111.

Cruise the sea with Mickey

JBSA-Lackland Information, Tickets and Travel has tickets to travel with Disney on a seven-day Eastern Caribbean cruise that leaves Galveston, Texas, and goes to Key West, Fla., Nassau, Bahamas and Castaway Cay

Bahamas Nov. 27 - Dec. 4. Rates start at \$4,617 for an inside cabin, based on two adults and two children, 10-12 years. Gratuities are not included. Full payment and a \$10 service fee are due at booking. For more information, call 671-7111.

Library

Language courses available

For an innovative way to learn a different language, drop by the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library and check out "Mango Languages" with more than 60 foreign languages and 17 English courses available. These online courses offer flexibility and mobility along with free mobile applications. Come by the library for assistance or log on to <http://www.jbsalibraries.com> and click on the eResources/research tab to begin. For more information, call 221-4702.

Libraries offer more than books

The JBSA libraries offer a variety of resources for the military and their families including books, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, videos, music, video games and more. A computer lab with printing and scanning capabilities and conference rooms are also available. E-resources such as e-books, e-audiobooks, e-subscriptions and informational databases are available in person and online at <http://www.jbsalibraries.org>. For more information, call the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library at 221-4702, the JBSA-Lackland Library at 671-2673 and the JBSA-Randolph Library at 652-5578.

Children enjoy interactive story times

Enjoy a story or two and an activity to follow at the JBSA libraries. Story time is hosted at the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Library Thursdays, 10 a.m., the JBSA-Lackland Library Tuesdays, 10 a.m. and the JBSA-Randolph Library Wednesdays, 10 a.m. No registration is required. For more information, call the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library at 221-4702, the JBSA-Lackland Library at 671-2673 and the JBSA-Randolph Library at 652-5578.

Military & Family Readiness

Key spouses attend training

Learn about the Key Spouse program Sept. 9, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the JBSA-Lackland Military & Family Readiness Center. This is mandatory for newly appointed Key Spouses and recommended for Key Spouse mentors. JBSA military spouses interested in the program or volunteering are welcome to attend. Registration is required. For more information, call 671-3722.

Service members make a transition

All service members transitioning or considering transitioning from military to civilian life are encouraged to attend the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Transition Information Program Sept. 10, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., held at the Military & Family Readiness Center. Speakers from the Military and Veteran Community Collaborative, Texas Veterans Commission, Veterans Service Program and the Work Force Solutions Alamo are on site to discuss

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networking opportunities, education benefits, health care, employment tips on career transitions, housing and property markets and more. This is free and open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders and spouses. Registration is required. For more information, call 221-1213.

Spouses receive guidance

Spouses are invited to attend the quarterly spouses orientation program Sept. 10 and 23, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center. Receive information about available resources and programs located on JBSA and the surrounding area. Spouses have the opportunity to network and learn about Air Force customs, courtesies, ranks and acronyms. Lunch and a guided tour of the Taj Mahal are included. Limited child care vouchers are available. For more information, call 652-5321.

Car buyers learn to shop the smart way

The JBSA-Randolph Military & Family Readiness Center hosts a car buying class Sept. 15, 2-3:30 p.m. Learn how to avoid overpaying for a vehicle and for needless vehicle costs such as repairs. This course is designed to help save money and avoid hassles. For more information, call 652-5321.

Veterans attend hiring fair

All military spouse, veterans and service members are encouraged to attend the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Military & Family Readiness Center two-day workshop Sept. 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the USAA® Federal Savings Bank, 10750 McDermonit and at the M&FRC Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants prepare for the hiring fair with tips on resumé writing, social media and networking and ways to stand out against other candidates. For more information, call 221-2705.

Leadership is listening

The Armed Forces Action Plan gives service members, retirees, Reservists, Department of Defense civilians, survivors, teens and family members the chance to identify critical issues concerning welfare and morale and present them to senior leadership for action and resolution. It gives commanders a gauge to validate concerns and measure satisfaction, which results in legislation, policies, programs and services that strengthen readiness and retention. Submit issues, concerns, ideas or suggestions to usaf.jbsa.502-abw.mbx.502-fss-volunteer@mail.mil, no later than Sept. 15 for the 2015 AFAP Conference. To volunteer or learn more about AFAP, visit <http://go.usa.gov/3vSph> or call 221-2380.

Outdoor Recreation

Handgun Licenses are acquired with training

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center provides Concealed Handgun License classes Sept. 5 and 19. Successful completion of the class is required to apply for a Texas CHL. For more information, call 363-2332.

Archers compete

The JBSA-Camp Bullis Rod-N-Gun Recreation Center

hosts a three-dimensional archery competition Sept. 26-27, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration is 8-10 a.m. and the course needs to be completed by 1 p.m. Cost is \$15 for the fun shoot, \$5 for children 12 years and younger and \$20 for the competition shoot. For more information, call 295-7529.

Skylark swimming is ongoing

JBSA-Lackland Skylark Aquatics Center has lap swimming Monday, noon to 1 p.m. and Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open swimming is Monday-Friday, 4-7 p.m., and Saturday, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Swim lessons are available for children 3 years and older and a swim team for youth, 7 years and older. For more information, call 671-3780.

Horse stalls are available

The JBSA-Lackland Saddle Club has stalls available for \$60 per month along with membership dues of \$25 per month. For more information, call 837-6741.

Eberle Park has rentals

Be sure to consider JBSA-Randolph Eberle Park when planning the next gathering or party. Rent each pavilion for \$35, the grill and serving house for \$20 each and the entire park for \$50. Reservations are required. Visit Outdoor Recreation in the Community Services Mall, building 895, to make reservations. For more information, call 652-5142.

Equipment rentals are available

The JBSA-Randolph Community Services Mall, building 895, has plenty of various types of equipment available for rent. For more information, call 652-5142.

Youth and Children

Parents get a break

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs presents Give Parents A Break Sept. 12, 1-5 p.m. Parents drop off children, 5-12 years, at Youth Programs for activities, entertainment and snacks. The enrollment fee is \$25 per youth with multiple child discounts or free with Give Parents a Break referral. Parents can enjoy quality time worry free without the little darlings. Preregistration is required. Parents with children 6 months to 5 years old should call 671-3675 to make reservations. For more information, call 671-2388.

JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs hosts Give Parents a Break/Kids Adventure Night Sept. 18, 6-10 p.m. Registration is Sept. 1-16. This event is held at the Child Development Programs Annex for children 2 years and younger and at Youth Programs for children 3 years and older. Cost for GPAB waiver holders is free and all others pay \$25. There is a multiple-child discount. For more information, call 652-4946.

Parents enroll children for enrichment program

Register children, 3-5 years, for the JBSA Part Day Enrichment Program. This program is designed to help children learn to work in a group setting and they are exposed to many preschool and kindergarten scenarios including learning colors, numbers and shapes, following directions, taking turns and sharing space. For more information, call 221-4871 for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, 671-3675 for JBSA-Lackland and 652-1140 for JBSA-Randolph.

Youth programs available for free

Youth may participate in JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs during Sept. 7-12 for free. There is no membership card needed to participate during this week. Youth Programs has a lot of activities, programs, camps and classes for children to enjoy all year long. Stop by Youth Programs, building 585, to learn more. For more information, call 652-3298.

Children drop the electronic devices for a day of play

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs holds a Worldwide Day of Play Sept. 19, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Attendees are invited to play games and be active to encourage physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle. This event is free for children, 5-12 years. For more information, call 671-2388.

Join the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs for Nickelodeon's 11th annual Worldwide Day of Play Sept. 25, 4-6 p.m. This special event is designed to influence children to turn off televisions, be active and healthy. Join Youth Programs for fun and games. For more information, call 652-3298.

Instructional classes available through Youth Programs

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston School Age Services provides instructional classes to the home school community. Available classes include Tae Kwon Do, drum lessons, guitar lessons and tumbling. Class times and pricing varies. For more information, call 221-3381.

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs offers classes for youth covering a variety of interests. All classes are held at the JBSA-Lackland Youth Center throughout the week and at various times. Classes include dance, guitar, piano, Kinder Jam, tang soo do, karate and violin. Enrollment is at the front desk Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 671-2388.

Now that school is back in session, youth are encouraged to get involved in one of the JBSA-Randolph Youth Programs instructional classes for children 18 months to 18 years. There is something for everyone including classes in dance, music, martial arts, piano and gymnastics. For more information, call 652-3298.

Children are made to feel safe

JBSA-Lackland Youth Programs continues to register youth, 5-12 years for before- or after-school care. Children can participate in fun activities in a safe and convenient location. Cost varies according to household income. For more information, call 671-2388.

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502nd ABW, JBSA command chief: Core values pave road to success

By Airman 1st Class Stormy Archer
JBSA-Randolph Public Affairs



Chief Master Sgt. Stanley Cadell
502nd Air Base Wing and
Joint Base San Antonio
command chief master sergeant

Integrity first, service before self and excellence in all you do are more than just the Air Force core values to Chief Master Sgt. Stanley Cadell, 502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio command chief master sergeant. They are words he lives by.

"I expect our Airmen to embrace and epitomize the Air Force core values," Cadell said. "If we do, we will undoubtedly be the premier joint base in the department of defense."

Cadell assumed the role of top senior enlisted member for the 502nd ABW June 15, serving as the principal advisor to the commander for installation support functions across all JBSA locations, supporting more than 80,000 military and civilian employees.

"In my short time here I have already seen the strong dedication this team of professionals puts

forward to ensure the success of our 266 mission partners," Cadell said. "I will work with the entire team to look for new and innovative ways to accomplish our mission better, faster, safer and smarter. We can never be satisfied with the status quo. We should always be looking for ways to step up our game."

Cadell's experiences during his 23 years of service included numerous positions in aircraft maintenance career field and leadership roles as a first sergeant at the squadron, group, numbered air force and major command levels. These experiences shaped his leadership style and how he approaches challenges.

"We are provided opportunities throughout our careers that help prepare us for increased levels of responsibility," Cadell said. "If we learn from these opportunities we and our units will be better for it. I have learned many valuable lessons in previous assignments, but one that sticks with me the most is the value of a highly motivated team working to accomplish a shared goal."

"I believe if you provide a motivated team with guidance and resources they need, and get out of their way, you will be amazed with their results."

His advice to the entire joint team is simply, to be your best.

"No matter your service – Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard – or position – military or civilian – we need your best effort everyday" Cadell said. "Always exceed standards. If you are a sergeant, you should strive to be the best sergeant, don't be concerned with what is next, focus on being the best in your current position and the next rank or position will come soon enough."

The chief is also not afraid to tackle challenges head on and believes in taking care of each other.

"I believe challenges are really just opportunities in disguise, and the attitude we approach them with will often determine the outcome," he said. "I have always tried to focus my efforts of taking care of teammates and their families and they will take care of the mission. This is the true measure of success."

Cadell was previously the command chief master sergeant at the 436th Airlift Wing at Dover Air Force Base, Del.

MICC HOLDS TOWN HALL DISCUSSION



Photo by Daniel P. Elkins

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Gabbert leads a town hall discussion with members of the Mission and Installation Contracting Command at Anderson Hall on Fort Sam Houston Aug. 10. MICC members from Fort Sam Houston and 32 offices across the country heard from MICC leaders on a variety of topics, including personnel and operational briefs that emphasized a central theme of why members of the command do what they do every day in support of Soldiers and their families. Gabbert is the commanding general for the MICC, a major subordinate command to the Army Contracting Command that serves as the acquisition arm for the Army Materiel Command.

THE BEGINNINGS OF THE AIR AMBULANCE

Although there were experiments in utilizing airplanes for the transportation of wounded in the Western Front during WWI, the first known – as far as can be determined – flights of medical officers being transported to injured patients was at Gerstner Field, Lake Charles, La., in 1918. The return flights would also transport the patients.

The station was located in swampy areas surrounded by many bayous. Crashes and accidents occurred at places which could only be reached by airplane.

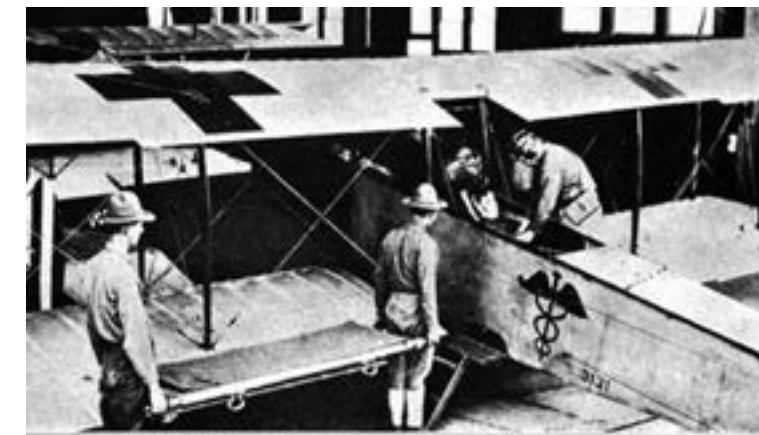


FIG. 115.—Airplane ambulance, first used at Gerstner Field, La., January 26, 1918.

the airplane ambulance.

Courtesy photo

(Source: *The Medical Department of the United States Army in the World War, Vol. V, Military Hospitals in the U.S., The Surgeon General's Office, 1923.*)

Military Family Advisory Network convenes military spouses from across the globe

The Military Family Advisory Network appointed 11 new advisory board members for the 2015–2017 term July 31, including one from the Fort Sam Houston area.

The new advisors' backgrounds are reflective of the military family community, bringing personal and professional experience with military spouse employment, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender military family advocacy, military sociology, financial management for military families, mental health, and sexual assault advocacy.

Three advisors who helped establish MFAN's priorities over the past two years – Claire Woodward, Rebekah Sanderlin and Janet Sanchez – return for a second two-year term.

Sanchez, whose spouse is stationed at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, is also founder and president of Esposas Militares Hispanas USA Armed Forces, a non-profit organization providing support and information for Hispanic military spouses.

"Each advisor brings a unique perspective and experience to our growing organization. Convening these diverse individuals will help MFAN continue to understand and advocate for all military families," said MFAN executive director Shannon Razsadin.

The 14 advisors were selected from 85 applicants and have been based at more than 60 duty stations, both in the continental United States and overseas. Advisors are active duty, Guard, Reserve and veteran spouses that represent a diversity of ranks.

Selected advisors identified key issues facing military families including: mental health, the transition from military to civilian life, employment, and financial literacy.

"These issues continue to be priorities for military families and align with those documented in MFAN's Military Family Support Programming Survey conducted last year," board member and 2013–2015 MFAN advisor Shelley Kimball said. "This survey gathered information from military families to examine what resources they depend on and find most valuable."

In addition to establishing organizational goals, in its foundational years MFAN worked to inform the military community about wellness, education, and employment initiatives within the military community and developed new partnership with the Congressional Award to help raise Program awareness among military families.

MFAN also worked closely with the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission sharing survey findings, advocating for military families, and ultimately contributing to the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission recommendations report.

(Source: Military Family Advisory Network)

Harlem Globetrotters teach b-ball tricks, share fun with kids at Cole

By L.A. Shively
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston
Public Affairs

Harlem Globetrotters Shane "Scooter" Christensen and Jermaine "Stretch" Middleton taught and encouraged about 100 boys and girls from military families, ages 6-14, with dribbling, passing and shooting skills during an Aug. 19 basketball camp held at the Robert G. Cole High School on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

Ball handling tricks, teamwork, smiles, cheers and lots of clapping were included in on- and off-court lessons and games.

Camp activities started with coaches putting their teams through drills getting the youth to move the ball around the court while keeping it out of the hands of opposing players. After the practice drills, each child took a turn at putting the ball into the bucket with the aim of scoring higher than the opposing Globetrotters.

Neither Christensen, a 6-foot 1-inch tall player, or Middleton, at 7-foot 4-inches, had any trouble



Photos by L.A. Shively

Jermaine "Stretch" Middleton shoots baskets with children during a basketball camp held at Cole High School on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aug. 19.

scoring baskets. But many of the children were able to drop the ball into the bucket easily, though all were, at most, one-third the size of the Globetrotters players.

Four-year-old Roxanne Ajel got a lesson on spinning a basketball balanced on her forefinger from Christenson.

"She likes to play sports and wants to do the same things her older siblings

are doing," said her mom, Chandra. "It's very special for her – she's having so much fun here."

"Having an opportunity like this makes a huge difference for these kids," said Roxanne's dad, Navy Chief Ferdinand "A.J." Ajel, a corpsman on recruiting duty with the Navy Recruiting District San Antonio.

"It gives us a chance to and appreciation for

being together with our kids," Ajel said. "There are a lot of dependent spouses here because their husbands, mothers or wives are deployed around the world, so getting the word out about this event brings a lot of happiness to the families."

"It's awesome," said Simone Larson, whose child, Charlotte, attended camp. "It's a nice distraction – less crying and more fun."

Larson's husband, 1st Sgt. David Larson is with Company C, Wounded Warrior Battalion.

"We get to interact with the kids," said Christensen after signing a basketball for Simone Larson.

"When people come to see our games, they never remember the score but always remember the laughter, smiling and having fun," explained 10-year Globetrotters veteran Christensen. What you see on the court is only a small percentage of what we do off the court."

What is so special about this team is that we do a lot of interaction with fans," said five-year Globetrotters veteran



Harlem Globetrotters Shane "Scooter" Christensen teaches 4-year-old Roxanne Ajel how to balance a spinning basketball on her forefinger Aug. 19.

Middleton, "and I get the chance to display my comedic side."

The Harlem Globetrotters is an exhibition basketball team that travels to various countries around the world sharing their athleticism combined with a bit of theatrical comedy. Many of

their programs are aimed at enriching children's lives such as the camp at Cole High School.

"We were excited to be nominated to come here," Christensen said, "and interact with these kids. It's unbelievable to see their faces light up – that's what it's all about."



Harlem Globetrotters Shane "Scooter" Christensen autographs a ball for Simone Larson during a basketball camp held at Cole High School on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Aug. 19.

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dynamic new complex training battalion with a diverse student population of over 1500 enlisted and officers," Davis said. "They work with brand new Soldiers and seasoned veterans alike sharpening their skills and molding them to embody the Warrior Ethos and Army values while

providing medical care.

"The 264th Medical Battalion, with its diversity can be equated to a fine watch, it runs with several different components," Davis added. "It requires several specialist and leaders to make the Army Medical Department run with smooth precision providing that world-class medical care

to our Soldiers, families and retirees. It is a daunting task, a tremendous responsibility and a great honor.

"With the focus on Army profession and engaged leadership, Killian improved processes, programs and systems within the battalion and has been instrumental in developing countless Soldiers and officers to per-

form their expert tasks in leading our force," Davis said.

Acknowledging Barden, Davis said, "An experienced leader in his own right, I have total trust, faith and confidence in his readiness to lead the 264th Medical Battalion and continuing the mission in developing the best trained medical personnel in the world.

He has served in both clinical and operations environments, with deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan."

Killian acknowledged the leaders and staff of the 264th Medical Battalion for their support while he served as the commander of the battalion.

To Barden, he said, "You are the man for the

264th Medical Battalion. You have the passion and know how to drive this team forward, enjoy the ride. "

"My family and I are humbled, gratified and grateful to serve in this capacity and I promise you I won't fail my mission," Barden said in accepting the command of the 264th Medical Battalion.

Courts-martial, crimes and punishment at Joint Base San Antonio

By Joint Base San Antonio Judge Advocate General

The Joint Base San Antonio Judge Advocate General completed three Air Force courts-martial in the month of July, with one which began in June and ended in July. The results of a court-martial are not final until the clemency and/or appeals process is completed. All courts-martial are open to the public and upcoming courts-martial can be viewed at the United States Air Force Judge Advocate Generals website at <http://www.afjag.af.mil/docket/index.asp>.

Capt. Evan G. Smith, 59th Medical Operations Squadron, JBSA-Lackland, was tried by a general court-martial consisting of a military judge from July 6-13 at JBSA-Lackland. Contrary to his pleas, Smith was found guilty of three charges and three specifications of misconduct in violation of Article 128, Uniform Code of Military Justice, striking his child on the buttocks and thighs; Article 131, UCMJ, perjury; and Article 134, UCMJ, being culpably negligent regarding his son by throwing and dropping him. He was sentenced to a dismissal.

JBSA-Lackland (18): The Article 15 actions from JBSA-Lackland include, but are not limited to:

False official statement and forgery – A master sergeant forged a signa-

pled guilty to wrongfully buying a car with a \$20,000 bad check in violation of Article 134, UCMJ. Contrary to his pleas, Bond was also convicted of violations of Article 120, UCMJ, aggravated sexual assault; and Article 134, UCMJ, making threats on multiple occasions. The panel sentenced him to 10 years confinement and a dishonorable discharge.

Details regarding the third court-martial will be published later this year.

In July, JBSA Air Force commanders administered 19 non-judicial punishment actions under Article 15 of the UCMJ.

The punishments imposed reflect the commander's determination of an appropriate punishment after considering the circumstances of the offense and the offender's record. Officers may not be reduced in rank as a punishment. A suspended punishment does not take effect unless the offender engages in additional misconduct or fails to satisfy the conditions of the suspension. The suspension period usually lasts for six months unless a lesser amount is specified.

ture of another individual on a physical assessment test and lied to leadership when questioned. The member received a reduction to the grade of technical sergeant, suspended forfeitures of \$1,836 pay per month for one month and a reprimand.

Dereliction of duty and assault consummated by a battery – An airman first class unlawfully consumed alcohol inside the dormitory and intentionally punched another technical trainee in the face with his fist. The member received a reduction to the grade of Airman, forfeitures of \$404 pay per month for one month, 14 days restriction, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Dereliction of duty by willful and provoking gestures – An airman first class in technical training failed to remain inside the dormitory between the hours of 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. and verbally threatened another technical training student. The member received a reduction to the grade of airman, forfeitures of \$404 pay per month for one month, 14 days restriction, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Dereliction of duty, willful – Three airmen first class in technical training failed to remain inside the dormitory between the hours of 10

p.m. and 4 a.m. They all received 14 days restriction, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand and one also received forfeitures of \$333 pay per month for one month.

Dereliction of Duty, willful – An airman first class in technical training copied answers from the technical training student directly next to them during a block examination. The member received a reduction to the grade of airman, forfeitures of \$404 pay per month for one month, 14 days restriction, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Larceny – An airman first class in technical training stole a pair of shoes, beige suspenders and After Bite itch eraser from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. The member received a reduction to the grade of airman, suspended forfeitures of \$404 pay per month for one month, 14 days restriction, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Assault consummated by a battery – An airman first class in technical training unlawfully punched another training student in the chest. The member received a reduction to the grade of airman, suspended forfeitures of \$404 pay per month for one month, 14 days restriction, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Failure to obey – An airman first class in technical training consumed alcohol inside the dormitory. The member received forfeitures of \$425 pay per month for one month, 14 days restriction, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Absent without leave, failure to obey, false official statement and wrongful use of marijuana - An airman left work without the proper authority and the member failed to return the next duty day as directed by his commander. When the member returned several days later, the airman admitted to using and possessing marijuana. The member received a reduction to the grade of airman basic and a reprimand.

AWOL and false official statement – An airman left work without the proper authorization. When the member was questioned, they lied to leadership on diverse occasions. The member received a reduction to the grade of airman basic, 30 days restriction, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Failure to obey – Four airmen basic in technical training failed to remain inside the dormitory between the hours of 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. They each received 14 days restriction, 14 days extra

duty and a reprimand; three also received forfeitures of \$333 pay per month for one month.

AWOL – An airman basic in technical training failed to report to a mandatory physical training exercise as directed. The member received forfeitures of \$360 pay per month for one month, 14 days restriction, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Disrespect to an NCO – An airman basic in technical training made disrespectful and derogatory comments towards a staff sergeant. The member received forfeitures of \$360 pay per month for one month, 14 days restriction, 14 days extra duty with excess of seven days suspended and a reprimand.

JBSA – Randolph (1): The Article 15 action consists of:

Fraternization, failure to obey a lawful order – A lieutenant colonel fraternized with an enlisted member on terms of military equality by engaging in inappropriate physical contact and inappropriate communications with that member. When ordered to cease contact, the lieutenant colonel failed to obey that order. Punishment consisted of forfeiture of \$2,200 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

How to maximize privacy settings on your Facebook profile

By Priscilla Rey
U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria Public Affairs



In a survey conducted last year by the Pew Research Center, Facebook remains by far the most popular social media site. As a member of the military, and for family members of service members, it is more important than ever to remain vigilant of operational security.

Sharing information on your Facebook timeline may seem harmless but can be dangerous to loved ones and fellow service members.

Never accept a friend request from someone you don't know, even if they know a friend of yours. Don't share information that you don't want to become public. Someone might target you for working in the Department of Defense, so be cautious when listing your job, military organization, education and contact information.

Providing too much information in your profile can leave you exposed to people who want to steal your identity or sensitive operational information.

Understanding what you can and cannot post on Facebook goes a long way in protecting yourself online, but more can be done by adjusting your privacy settings.

There are a lot of ways to protect your privacy on Facebook, a lot of people are not aware that most information is available for everyone. We did some research on how to set your settings into the highest security level.

Here to set the highest security settings on your Facebook profile.

Choose who can view your Facebook posts

(1) Log into Facebook. Go to "Settings, Privacy."

(2) There you have three subjects: "Who can see my stuff," "Who can contact me" and "Who can look me up."

(3) To maximize the security on your page, choose "Only me" or "Only friends." This prevents other people from seeing stuff you post.

(4) Under "Who can look me up," Facebook will ask, "Do you want other search engines to link to your timeline?" Do not let other search engines link to your timeline.

Maximize privacy of your timeline and prevent tagging

(1) When you post pictures on your timeline, you can change the settings on who can see, comment or add things to it. You can also determine who is allowed to post stuff on your timeline.

(2) Log into Facebook. Go to "Settings, Timeline" and "Tagging."

(3) There you have three subjects: "Who can add things to my timeline," "Who can see things on my timeline" and "how can I manage tags people add, and tagging suggestions."

(4) The best thing to do is to just make this public to just you or your friends only. Don't have friends of friends put stuff or comments on your pictures and keep this as private as you can.

(5) When you're "tagged" in a post, it means that someone has created a link to your profile. You can turn on "Tag Review" to review tags friends add to your content before they appear on Facebook. In the "How can I manage tags people add and tagging suggestions" section, click edit and click the disabled button and change its setting to enabled.

Prevent others from commenting on your profile picture

(1) With a recent Facebook update, anyone can see your full-size profile picture.

(2) Through Photoshop, Microsoft paint or any other photo editing software, you can change the size to 180 by 180 pixels. This

will make it a square image and smaller. Save this and use this one as your profile picture on Facebook.

Stop Facebook from sharing your location

(1) Geotagging is the process of adding geographical identification to photographs, videos, websites and shot message service, or SMS, messages. It is the equivalent of adding a 10-digit grid coordinate to everything posted on the Internet. You can prevent Facebook from sharing your location.

(2) Geotagging is typically done automatically on your tablet or mobile phone. When you first installed Facebook on your tablet or mobile phone, it probably asked for permission to use your phone's location services so that it could provide you with the ability to "check in" at different locations and tag photos with location information. Revoke this permission in your phone's location services settings area.

(3) There are also apps to strip the geolocation. Koredoko, deGeo (iPhone) or Photo Privacy Editor (Android) are just a few.

(4) If you post to Facebook, you may see a light-gray location description in the lower left of the status box. Always check to see if the location is posted. If it is, remove it. Simply hover your cursor or finger over the location and click the X.

The Army's Social Media Handbook provides information on safe networking, how to register your unit site, Army branding and standards and Facebook reference guides. It's available at <http://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/43167236> (AKO login required) or <http://www.slideshare.net/usarmysocial-media> (login blocked on government computers).

The Air Force Social Media Guide is available at <http://www.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-120327-048.pdf>

Always remember: think before you post. Stay safe.



Soldiers will no longer be promoted without first having successfully completed related professional military education courses, according to a recently-signed Army Directive. Soldiers will need to complete their schooling before they are allowed their new stripes.

Photo by C. Todd Lopez

Soldiers must complete school before promotion

By C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

Soldiers will no longer be promoted without first having successfully completed related professional military education, or PME, courses, according to recently signed Army Directive. Soldiers will need to complete their schooling before they are allowed their new stripes.

"By linking structured self-development and the NCO Education System to subsequent promotion, we better prepare NCOs [noncommissioned officers] for the complexities of today's operational environment while reinforcing the benefits of a deliberate, continuous, sequential and progressive professional development strategy," wrote Army Secretary John M. McHugh in Army Directive 2015-31, which was released Aug. 13.

Beginning with the January 2016 promotion month, pinning on the sergeant will require that Soldiers have first completed the "Basic Leader Course," which was formally known as the "Warrior Leader Course."

For Soldiers who want to pin on staff sergeant rank, they must first have completed the Advanced Leader Course.

"Soldiers on the recommended list who are not graduates of the

respective course will not be considered fully qualified for promotion pin-on regardless of their accumulated promotion points," the directive reads. "These Soldiers will remain on the recommended list in a promotable status, but they will not be selected for promotion pin-on until they become fully qualified by completing the required course and a promotion requirement exists."

Soldiers expecting to pin on sergeant first class as a result of a fiscal year 2016 selection board must first complete the Senior Leader Course before pinning on their new rank.

"Conditions are set so we can enforce a standard for Soldiers to complete professional military education – that is the NCOES platform – before promotion to the grade in which it was designed to support," said Gerald J. Purcell, personnel policy integrator within the Army G-1.

Purcell said that a Soldier, who is otherwise qualified to be promoted from corporal or specialist to sergeant, will be on the promotion list. But when that Soldier's name is next to fill an Army promotion requirement, if that Soldier is found to have not completed PME

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LEGACY from P2

We'd walk together on the boardwalk – my dad always wearing his well-worn military veteran hat – discussing history and science to the cadence of waves crashing against the shore.

This disease may be taking his memories, but nothing can dim his legacy. My father taught me to study hard, give my all at work and show kindness to others. He helped hundreds of people with cancer and served his country through two wars and over two decades. He is among the countless aging veterans of past wars who deserve our continued gratitude and care.

At work I see veterans dating back to World War II, but rarely stop to talk.

It's far too easy to see illness and age rather than incredible stories of service and sacrifice. I wish I'd learned more about my father's past. I may have missed that chance, but can honor his legacy by taking time to

talk with the veterans and retirees I pass in the hall each day.

When my dad's birthday arrives this year, I will gently remind him of his age and express my admiration for the life he's led. And when he goes

to his birthday dinner in his favorite "Proud to be a veteran" hat, I hope people look beyond his stooped posture and shaking hands to thank him for his service. I know I will do the same for our veterans here.



Employment Readiness

Mondays, 9-10 a.m., Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. Meet your employment readiness team. This is an opportunity for us to get to know you and to assess how we can best assist you with your employment needs and desires. Call 221-2380.

Helping Us Grow
Securely Playgroup

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon, Middle School Teen Center, building 2515. Parents and their children, ages 5 and under are welcome to join fun with an interactive playgroup. Registration not required. Call 221-2418.

Mandatory Pre-Deployment Briefing

Tuesday, Sept. 3, 17 at 9-11 a.m. and Sept 10, 24 at 1-3 p.m., Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. Service members scheduled to deploy, go on temporary duty for longer than 30 days or go on a remote assignment are required to attend this briefing. Call 221-2418.

Army Pre-Separation

Tuesdays through Fridays, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. Army patrons separating are encouraged to begin the process 18 months prior to their separation date. This

counseling is coordinated through the Soldier for Life Program. Call 221-1213.

10 Steps To A Federal Job

Wednesday, 9-11 a.m., Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. Learn how to understand vacancy announcements, develop your electronic federal resume, track applications and more on the federal government's job site, www.USAJobs.gov. This class is taught by a certified federal job search trainer and career coach. Call 221-2380.

Saving, Investing

Wednesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. Identify strategies to help reach your financial goals. Reviewing the different types of saving options and learn about the risks and rewards of investing. Call 221-2380.

Mandatory Post-Deployment Briefing

Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m., Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. Service members returning from deployment are required to attend a resiliency training discussing ways to deal with the stressors associated with post-deployment and reintegrate back into the home life. Call 221-2418.

Newcomer's Orientation

Thursday and Sept. 18, 8 a.m. to noon, Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. Mandatory in-processing briefing for all military and civilian personnel newly assigned to JBSA. Service members must coordinate with their unit

personnel coordinator or commander support element. Spouses are welcome to attend, all patrons must be seated by 7:50 a.m. Call 221-2705.

Organizational Point Of Contact Vmis Training

Thursday, 10-11 a.m., Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. Unit/agency organizational points of contact will receive training with the Volunteer Management Information System. Open to all registered OPOCs. Call 221-2380.

Family Readiness Group Forum

Sept. 4, 10-11 a.m., Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. An open forum that provides networking and an opportunity to discuss issues, share lessons learned, facilitates questions and discussions. Call 221-2418.

Citizenship, Immigration Assistance

Sept. 8, 9 a.m. to noon and Sept. 22, 9 a.m. to noon with 2 p.m. ceremony, Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. Information is provided on American customs and culture. A Citizenship and Immigration Service officer will be available on-site to assist with application questions. Eligible patrons will take the Oath of Allegiance at a Naturalization Ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. Sept. 22. Registration not required. Call 221-2705.

Air Force Pre-Separation

Sept 8 and 22, 9 a.m. to noon, Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. Airmen planning to separate from the federal service

must attend a mandatory counseling. Begin the process 18 months prior to your separation date. Call 221-2380.

Goal Setting

Sept. 8, 11 a.m. to noon, Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. Understand how personal values help form self-directed motivation. Develop commitment strategies and techniques to monitor progress. For more information about Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness or to register, call 221-2418.

OPM Federal Application Process

Sept. 8, 1-4 p.m., Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. Review the federal employment process and careers offered within the Federal government. Learn about resources that support the Veterans Employment Program, skill translators, resume builders, and more. Call 221-1213.

General Resume Writing Techniques

Sept. 9, 9-11 a.m., Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. Creating a resume is one of the first steps in finding a job. Learn about the different resume formats and which one to use when writing a non-Federal resume. Get tips on how to effectively write summary statements, employment history and more. Call 221-2380.

Bringing Baby Home

Sept. 9, 23, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. This two-part series must be attended in order. Knowing

what to expect will help ease the overwhelming feeling of preparing for your newborn baby's homecoming. Both parents are encouraged to attend. Call 221-2418.

Peer-To-Peer Support Group

Sept. 9, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Sept. 17, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Soldier and Family Assistance Center, building 3639. Caregivers have the opportunity to build a peer support network, share experiences and information with a safe place to talk. Lunch is provided after the morning session and before the afternoon session. Call 221-2418.

Relocation, Overseas Orientation

Sept 9, 10-11 a.m. and 2-3 p.m., Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. Mandatory for personnel E-5 and below. This orientation focuses on pre-departure counseling, relocation planning, and preparing for a PCS move. Topics cover entitlement, shipment of household goods, emotional stressors of relocation, employment, and education. Only one session is needed. Call 221-2705.

Transition Information Program Workshop

Sept. 10, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Military & Family Readiness Center, building 2797. All service members who are transitioning or considering to transition from military to civilian life are encouraged to attend the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Transition Information Program workshop. Speakers from the Military & Veteran Community Collaborative, Texas Veterans Com-

mission, Veterans Service Program and the Work Force Solutions Alamo will be onsite to discuss networking opportunities, education benefits, health care, and employment tips on career transitions, housing and property markets and more. Registration is required, call 221-1213. This is a free event open to all JBSA Department of Defense ID cardholders and their spouses.

Transition Information Program

Sept. 10, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. All Joint Base San Antonio patrons leaving the military are welcomed to attend a transition workshop. There will be panel discussions and one-on-one networking opportunities, information about veteran education benefits, housing and property market, civilian health care and how to pay for it, and employment tips on career transitions. Registration is required, call 221-1213. This is a free event open to all JBSA Department of Defense ID cardholders and their spouses.

Career Technical Training

Sept. 10-11, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Military & Family Readiness, building 2797. Service members will receive guidance and help in selecting technical training schools and technical fields. Topics covered: accredited institute applications, scheduling a session with a counselor or a career technical training expert, and Veterans Affairs vocational education counselors. Call 221-1213.



All Veterans Career Fair

Disabled American Veterans and RecruitMilitary sponsor an all veterans career fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at the Norris Conference Centers-San Antonio, 618 NW Loop 410, Suite 207. There will be more than 50 exhibitors with national, regional and local job opportunities, as well as entrepreneurial and educational offerings. Pre-register at <http://tracker.recruitmilitary.com/hJ8is7T00Y000j1Ga000RpP>. USAA's local wealth management team is presenting a seminar prior to the career fair at 10 a.m. The seminar is titled "Five Steps to Informed Financial Transition." All veterans are welcome to attend this session that is intended to provide information for all veterans and spouses to use as they consider their future

retirement. Space is limited, so please register separately for this seminar at http://www.rmvets.com/sanantonio_tx_usaa.

'Lighting The Way' 5K Walk/10K Run

The San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind holds its 7th annual "Lighting the Way" 5k/10k Walk/Run at 8 a.m. Sept. 26 at the Wheatley Heights Sports Complex, 200 Noblewood Drive. Pre-registration is ongoing at <http://www.salighthouse.org/events>. Cost is \$25 before Sept. 10, \$30 from Sept. 11-24 and \$35 the day of the event.

Strides for Life 5K Run, Family Fest, Walk

The Texas Kidney Foundation hosts a family-friendly run, walk and family fest Sept. 26 at Nelson Wolff Stadium, 5757 U.S. Highway 90, focusing on education and awareness of organ, eye and tissue donation, as well as the prevention of kidney and urinary tract disease. Registration is at

7 a.m., a Zumba class is at 7:30 a.m., the 5K run is at 8 a.m., a children's fun run is at 8:30 a.m. and a non-competitive 5K walk is at 9:15 p.m. To register or for more information, visit <http://www.stridesforlifetexas.org>.

SeaWorld, Aquatica Offer Veterans Free Admission

Military veterans and up to three guests are invited to enjoy complimentary admission to both SeaWorld and Aquatica on scheduled operating days during their San Antonio tribute program through Nov. 8. Veterans must register in advance at <http://www.WavesofHonor.com> and verify their proof of service through the ID.me qualification process. SeaWorld is working with ID.me to provide an online verification of former military personnel in a secure manner. Once veterans and their guests have registered online, they can bring their e-tickets directly to the park's turnstiles. Tickets may be obtained and redeemed by Nov. 8.

2nd Infantry Division Reunion

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about the association and its 94th annual reunion in San Antonio from Sept. 22-26, email 2idahq@comcast.net or call 224-225-1202.

Texas Military Polo Club

Interested in a challenge and know how to ride a horse? The Texas Military Polo Club is offering polo lessons. For more information, call 512-484-4384 or visit <http://www.facebook.com/texasmilitarypolo>.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The Sgt. Maj. Of the Army Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Road. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited. Call 539-1178.



FOR SALE:

Thomasville oak queen bedroom set, with headboard, large dresser with mirror, one nightstand and matching table with drawers, excellent condition, \$600; two-seat sofa, beige, excellent condition, \$150; brass standing lamp, \$50; two-seat sofa bed, floral, excellent condition, \$200; Thomasville washed ivory oak dining room set with china cabinet with lighted top cabinet, high-back table, eight cushioned chairs, serving cabinet with extended leafs, \$1,200; beveled glass kitchen table, 48 inches, four cushioned chairs, charcoal grey

metal frame, four matching bar stools, \$900; four assorted artificial ficus trees, \$75-\$100; Tuscan style secretary desk, \$150; Persian rug, eight by 10 feet, \$150; hassock, black, \$25; oriental medicine cabinet, \$150; Nordic Track, \$50; camera tripod, \$10; Panasonic VHS recorder, plays PAL (European) and NTSC (U.S.) videos, \$50; Sony 20-inch color TV, \$50; two wooden folding tables, \$10; eight-inch digital photo frame slideshow, \$25; Schimmel upright piano, cherry wood, handmade in 1958, \$700; recliner, maroon cloth, excellent condition, \$135; rocker, pink velour, \$75; framed posters, \$10-50; large Mexican water containers, \$35 and \$50; assorted artificial flowers with pots, \$10-20; handmade oak office furniture set, eight-foot-long desk, oak matching bench or storage container, one additional matching bookshelf, \$1,300; Acer One notebook, \$35. Call 491-0534.

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4. The event is open to teams and individuals. To register or for more information, call 671-2952.

JBSA Suicide Prevention 5K Run For Life

The 2015 5K Run For Life takes place at all Joint Base San Antonio locations, with free registration at 7 a.m. and the run beginning at 8 a.m. on the respective dates. The run takes place Sept. 13 at Worth and Stanley Roads at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, Eberle Park at JBSA-Randolph Sept. 12 and the Gillum Fitness Center on JBSA-Lackland Sept. 26. The event promotes awareness of the resources available to assist service members and their families with fitness, resiliency and suicide prevention. There are awards for the top three male and female runners and all participants receive an "I Run For Life" reflective belt and finisher's dog tag, while supplies last. For more information, visit <http://www.facebook.com/JBSARunforlife> and <http://www.facebook.com/JointBaseSanAntonio>.

Wounded Warriors, Families, Transitioners Career Fair

Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston hosts the bi-annual Hiring Heroes Career Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 16 at the Sam Houston Community Center. The career fair provides an opportunity for wounded warriors, transitioning service members, spouses and veterans to network, collect information and speak face-to-face with more than 65 Department of Defense, federal and private sector recruiters and employers about civilian career opportunities. Individuals attending are encouraged to have their resumes reviewed. The career fair is sponsored by the Defense Civilian Personnel Advisory Service (Recruitment Assistance Division), Alexandria, Va. For more information, call 571-372-2123. For resume assistance, call the Transition Assistance Program office at 221-1213.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training For Trainers

The Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training For Trainers, or ASIST T4T, workshop takes place at 9 a.m. Sept. 21-25 at

the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, building 3639 and is open to active duty military. The training workshop equips personnel with the ability to facilitate/train 2-day ASIST workshops, also called ASIST T2T. ASIST T4T certification requires the individual to complete this five-day course. Upon completion, the candidate will also be required to conduct three ASIST two-day workshops within one year to receive trainer status. Due to the demand of the T4T Workshop and limited seating, all applications will be evaluated upon receipt. Confirmation of registration in the workshop will be sent via email no later than one week prior to the start of the workshop. For more information and to register call 221-2093.

JBSA Air Force Birthday Ball

The 2015 Joint Base San Antonio Air Force Birthday ball takes place Sept. 18 at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort and Spa, 23808 Resort Parkway. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Attire is mess dress or semi-formal uniform for military members and formal (black tie and tuxedo) for

civilians. Ticket prices are \$70 for E-8, E-9, O-4 through O-10 and GS-11 and above; \$60 for E-7, O-1 through O-3 and GS-7 through GS-10; \$40 for E-5 and E-6, GS-5 and GS-6; and \$25 for E-1 through E-4 and GS-1 through G-4. For tickets, visit <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=256363&k=0064440A7D54>. For more information, send an email to 502abw.ccc.jbsaball@us.af.mil.

Airmen Powered By Innovation

Have an innovative idea that can launch efficiencies and increase cost savings across the Air Force? You can submit your ideas online to the Airmen Powered by Innovation website at <https://ipds.afpc.randolph.af.mil> or through the Air Force Portal.

Your ideas should describe, in sufficient detail, the current method, proposed method, expected benefits and cost of implementation to support the idea. The API website provides tools that can help refine and enhance potential submissions. Submitters can query previously submitted API ideas, search to see if an idea has been submitted already, see what

ideas have been approved and check status.

Once the idea is submitted, an API Idea Cell analyst will review the idea. Depending on the content, the idea will be categorized and processed. If necessary, the API Idea Cell may contact you to request more information.

Submitters can ask their local Manpower Office for assistance with documentation of process improvement ideas, to ensure current method, proposed method, expected benefits and cost of implementation are fact-based proposals.

For assistance with the documentation of process improvement ideas, contact the 802nd Force Support Squadron Manpower Office at 652-8953 or 652-8954.

Traffic Flow Altered Near Fort Sam Houston Elementary

The traffic flow at the intersection of Nursery and Williams Roads near Fort Sam Houston Elementary School on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston will be altered through Monday. The project realigns the intersection from a "Y" intersection to a 90-degree intersection, which JBSA civil engi-

neers said will improve traffic flow and safety. Since this construction is timed to take place during the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District summer vacation, it should have negligible impact on the school. Provisions will be made for the shoulders alongside Nursery and Williams Roads to be used as vehicle lanes to allow traffic to continue to flow in both the northbound and southbound directions during construction. Once traffic is diverted to the shoulders, the construction contractor will close the main lanes of Nursery and Williams Roads to rebuild the intersection. Biesenbach Road, in front of the school, will carry eastbound and westbound traffic between Nursery and Williams Roads.

North New Braunfels, Harry Wurzbach West Access Control Points Open In Mornings

The North New Braunfels Access Control Point, located by the Quadrangle, and the Harry Wurzbach West ACP, also known as the Pershing Gate, are open from 5:30-8:30 a.m. Mondays through Fridays, except on federal holidays, according to the 502nd Security Forces Squadron.

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— for a specialist seeking sergeant, this means Basic Leader Course — then the Soldier will be passed up for that promotion. “There will be a filter in place that takes their name off the list of fully-qualified names,” Purcell said. “They will get more promotion points, they will not be considered fully qualified to pin the grade of sergeant on.”

The Soldier who is skipped for promotion due to a lack of PME still stays on the promotion list. But once that Soldier gets the PME, he or she doesn't automatically get stripes. Instead, the Soldier will have to wait for a future requirement. Since the 1980s, Purcell said, the Army has allowed “conditional promotions,” where Soldiers could get their stripes without having had the corresponding professional military education.

“We had NCOs walking around who weren't school-trained, with a follow-on requirement they complete the training or they were going to be reduced,” he said. “Today, the leadership believes there is a capability to provide Soldiers an opportunity to go to training, complete the training, and consequently, have all of the fundamental training in place before they are asked to perform at the next higher grade.”

With the new PME requirement, a Soldier's stripes will not just be an indicator of rank or pay - it will be an indicator that the Soldier has been trained as a leader, Purcell said. “When you see a Soldier wearing a sergeant rank, you know that Soldier is going to have been trained formally through an education system to prepare him or her and give them tools to succeed at that grade,” Purcell said. “So the Soldier is

going to have all the tools in their kit bag to fully succeed at their grade.” The new policy also similarly affects National Guard Soldiers where enlisted Soldiers on a promotion list whom have completed their structured self-development requirements will be selected and assigned to higher grade vacancies. Soldiers selected for higher grade vacancies without the NCOES requirement will have 24 months to complete the

level of NCOES required for promotion pin-on or will be removed from the position. Additionally, the directive makes changes to the retention control point for active-duty and Army Reserve Soldiers. According to the regulation, effective October 1, Soldiers selected for promotion to sergeant first class and master sergeant will not get an extended retention control point until they actually pin on their higher rank.

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